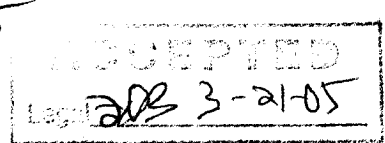


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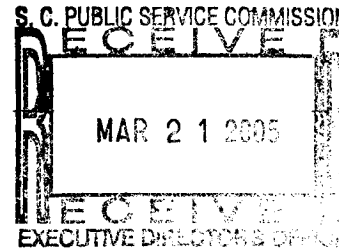
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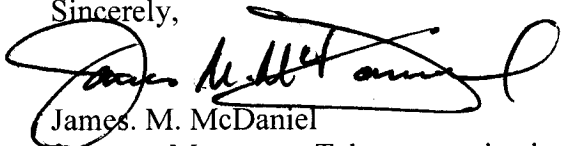
Dear Mr. Terreni:

The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) reviewed the Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.'s and Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.'s notification of election to have its rates, terms, and conditions of its services determined pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576 (A).

We also reviewed the documentation provided by Hargray and Bluffton Telephone Companies to support their eligibility to enter the "576" alternative regulation plan. In addition, we independently reviewed information which confirms the general availability of non-affiliated cellular services in the Hargray Telephone Company's and Bluffton Telephone Company's service areas. Thus, we have no objections to the notification by Hargray Telephone Company and Bluffton Telephone Company of their plans to enter the alternative regulation plan set out in S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns related to this matter.

Sincerely,


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Office of Regulatory Staff

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